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Acting Secretary

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Dear Long-term Care Facility Administrator:

Because residents of long-term care (LTC) facilities are more susceptible to COVID-19 infection and the detrimental impact of the virus than the general population, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is implementing enhanced respiratory surveillance in LTC facilities to rapidly identify potential outbreaks of COVID-19.

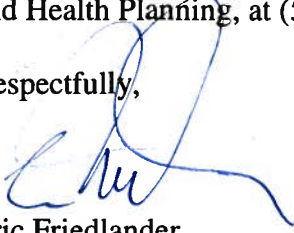
Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 2020-215, Governor Beshear's declaration of a state of emergency in the Commonwealth, and pursuant to the authority of KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 194A.025, and KRS 214.020, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Inspector General in collaboration with the Department for Public Health, **hereby directs all Kentucky-licensed LTC facilities to report specific data elements to the Cabinet on a daily basis via designated online survey tool, including the following:**


- (1) Total number of staff and residents tested for COVID-19 each day; and**
- (2) Daily total of staff and residents whose COVID-19 test results are positive.**

The Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been designated by the Governor to deliver these directives during this state of emergency.

If you have any questions regarding the electronic survey process, please contact the Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning, at (502) 564 – 3261.

Respectfully,


Eric Friedlander
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Governor's Designee


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